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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

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SUBJECT: [   ] Proposals on Compartmentation

1. On 5 October, [   ] briefed Mr. Bowie, Blake, Stevens, Gambino, [   ] and Miss E. Page on the con- cepts he has drafted on reorganization of compartmentation.

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2. The concept is a significant departure from current ways of doing business and a number of questions were asked. The principal question addressed the reason for use of generic codewords for products if the source revealing data had been sanitized.

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3. Admiral Turner visited during the briefing and noted that he had seen and looked with interest on a copy of [   ] [   ] report. He also acknowledged that there were a few things he did not understand. He is scheduled to meet with [   ] at 1415 hours - 6 October.

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4. [   ] mentioned that his briefing of DoD officials on the morning of 5 October had been well received. Concern had been expressed by Admiral Shapiro about means of registering at a central location the identities of sea board personnel. There was also concern about a police mechanism of collector/analyst efforts to remove operational data and source revealing indicators to enable more informa- tion to be published at the collateral level.

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5. Note was made that [   ] will be briefing Mr. Reid of the Department of State at 1100 hours Friday, 7 October and the DCI at 1415 hours. In response to a request from [   ] agreed to brief members of the CT element next Wednesday at the Community Headquarters Building, time to be arranged. Admiral Inman is also to be briefed by [   ]

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The following are some of the questions asked during the brief-
ing by [   ] on 5 October on his proposals to reorganize
the compartmentation programs.

BLAKE - On studying the flow of intelligence chart -
"Would you put the product [   ] STAT
Projects under SI?

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[   ] - Yes. Some extra sensitive material would be labeled,
ultra sensitive and controlled by a Bigot List.

STEVENS [   ] STAT

How will we protect that? Compartmentation?

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COMINT product under one codeword?

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authenticity. SI is viewed as "Hard" intelligence.
HUMINT does not always carry internal assurances
of validity. Need to give analysts at least the
information that the source is, generically, from
HUMINT or COMINT.

BOWIE Aren't we missing a chance to confuse and cover
sources by not blending HUMINT and COMINT? Pretty
soon everyone would know that your codewords stand
for HUMINT or COMINT?

BLAKE I'd rather see them treated separately and perhaps
even apply reliability, alpha-numeric, rankings
to them.

BOWIE I'd carry my idea further, if you are going to
sanitize, clean up source indicators in your
different product compartments, you could use first
one codeword for all of the product reports. In
In fact, why couldn't NFAC publish at the collateral
level, if there is no source revealing information
in the ran data?

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VOGT   I hope that most of the reporting will be at the Confidential, Secret, Top Secret level. I'm offering a gradation concept between the Top Secret and the Ultra Sensitive Bigot Listed material.

PAGE   The DDO would lose control over its material if ORCON, no contract and other caveats are not used.

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Nothing will go abroad unless it is specifically stamped. If your material is not source revealing, then it shouldn't be compartmented and could go into the generic compartmentations if it does - without further markings. Very sensitive HUMINT information would be marked Ultra Sensitive and be distributed on a named basis.

BLAKE   This will call for a tremendous educational effort if it is accepted.

RWG   It appears that all analysts would require all generic code words to do their job.

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No. A small group in each agency would know source data and can serve as points of contacts for questions. Analysts get only what they need in their area of responsibility.

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